

AUTO COLLISION REPAIR LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2007

Members present:

Jeanne McCarthy, DBR  
Dennis Gamba, Cranston Collision Center  
Charles M. Nystedt, Metropolitan Property & Casualty Ins.  
Lt. David Palmer, State Police  
Richard Bernstein, DBR  
Paul Kiernan, New Car dealer

Others Present:

Randy Bottella, Reliable Collision Center  
Jina Petrarca-Karampetsos, Providence Auto Body  
John Petrarca, Providence Auto Body  
Patrick Quinlan, ABARI  
Jack Condon, Progressive  
Larry Alan, Nationwide  
Anthony Victoria, Auto Service Auto Body  
Robert Goldberg

Meeting called to order at 10:30 am

CN: After review by paralegal they were unable to find information regarding certification of technician

JMC: Found some information from Canada were they license and have a group to review

RB: Suggested that perhaps we could customize for our use – and that we should all review and discuss at the next meeting.

DG: Asked if everyone reviewed the suggested technician certification requirements submitted by Randy and himself.

RB: We should discuss next time

JPK: Suggest that upon renewal the body shops could send an affidavit to attest that their technicians were certified

JP: Found that in Broward County, FL auto body technicians must be licensed

RB: there is a subcommittee looking into this they should present minimum standards for certification of Technicians to the Board.

DG – We need a deadline

RB – Legislators gave us this section to work on and we are working on it.  
We should be able to wrap this up by Sept 1/1/08.

JMC: Next item is Windshield installation however Mr. Coleman is not here today we can – hold until next week

DG – There are many factors that can affect the installation: drizzly weather, temperature etc. Every glass installer should have a facility to work at not only a van

RB – What does that do to the safelights of the world

RBot – A car moved to soon can compromise the setting of glass -Chrysler stated that there vehicles need 48 hours to adhere.

LtP: Do some adhesives faster than others if you know just what it says sets up in an hour

DG: It is not safe to drive – you can fix something with super glue it will adhere in 10 minutes but it takes 48 hours to cure

Attorney Robert Goldberg representing Safelight requested that the discussion be held over so that he can present national experts to discuss curing times.

DG – Requested that he supply the board with information in advance of the testimony

PQ – Regulation 4 requires a waiver to space requirements

JMC – The application includes a section that asks if they have a shop or are a mobile installer

TV- there is also a problem about these companies not adhering to the 30-month or newer OEM law.

PQ: Requests a listing of those glass installers that have shops

JMC: Windshields will be discussed April meeting.

RB – how many windshield complaints did you have last year last year?

JMC – Not many, this discussion is about public safety

Lt.P: If you drive your vehicle within an hour will the windshield ever cure?

Rbot – If it only set an hour and cure in hour the window can shift and may result in problems down the road of leaking and mold. You cannot see if the seal has taken it is only through problems that you can tell.

JMC – Classification of shops is still going through renewal. 60 do not have a compliant fire safety check and are under the administrative Process

RB – Provisionally renew 60 show cause hearings

JMC: As of today don't know who did not renew

JC: We need an accurate list of fully licensed shops. Requests that the Department send out a letter with what to do with unlicensed shops

LA: We've had to do cars over that were repaired in unlicensed shops

JMC: I know two that do not have licenses: Atlas and Broadway Collision

CN – Appraiser goes in unlicensed – go out – ask to see license.

JPK : We need a Bulletin there is a concern about appraisers going to dealership.

RB: Ask the Insurance Division on rules concerning appraisers going into unlicensed shops

CN – Should appraisers request the shop put the vehicle on the street or walk away?

CN: We need guidance from insurance

CN motion to adjourn. Seconded by JMC at 12:30 PM.